

HERITAGE AREA BULLETIN BOARD DECEMBER 18, 2002

Happy Holidays to all! This will be a seasonally short bulletin. Congress is adjourned and all is quiet in Capitol City.

WEB NEWS

Just in time for a festive celebration, the National Park Service Heritage Areas WEB site is up and running. Please visit us at:

www.cr.nps.gov/heritageareas/

Many thanks to John Robbins, Terry Childs and James Luray of the Cultural Resource program for getting us back on our feet. The site will be growing in the next couple of months as we add material related to heritage areas. Note the new button on the home page labeled Reports and Publications. Heritage area reports, studies, newsletters and a bibliography will be posted shortly. Please send your information, heritage links and ideas to heritage area program assistant Suzanne_Copping@contractor.nps.gov or call your editor at 202 354-2222. Past issues of the BULLETIN will also be available at this site.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

It is time again to plan sessions for the upcoming National Trust for Historic Preservation Meeting in Denver October 1-5. The deadline for session proposals is **January 17, 2003**. Last year the number of heritage area sessions and tours warranted, for the first time, the designation of a heritage area track! Interested? Go to the National Trusts web page and learn all about it.

A consortium of preservation agencies, colleges and universities have issued a call for papers on "Cultural Landscapes and Historic Preservation" for the Fourth National Forum on Historic Preservation Practice. The deadline for session abstracts (300-500 words) is February 28, 2003 with papers, if selected, due by September. Contact University of Delaware 302-831-1050 Fax 302-831-4548 davames@udel.edu. Abstracts may be delivered electronically or in hard copy.

Alliance of National Heritage Areas Winter Board Meeting Hotel George	February 18-20, 2003	Washington DC
Alliance of National Heritage Areas Spring Board Meeting Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area	April 23-26, 2003	Nashville

International Heritage Development Conference	June 7-11, 2003	Pittsburgh
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ON THE ROAD

In December your editor toured the Northern Rio Grande Heritage Areas with both National Park Service staff and members of the Heritage Area's Board of Directors. It includes landmark properties, traditional communities, and spectacular scenery. Next stop was a conference on Gateway Community Partnerships for Tourism & Conservation Partnerships at the Santa Ana Pueblo. The conference focused on partnerships with communities and federal land managing agencies. Heritage area supporters were cheered by a ringing program endorsement by keynote speaker Lou Gallegos, Assistant Secretary for Administration, US Department of Agriculture.

The next trip took your editor to Baton Rouge Louisiana to meet on the proposed Vicksburg Campaign Trail Study. The resources focused around the Mississippi River are great and the Delta region has been the subject of a NPS special resource study. However as a 1,000 miles long story, the area is a challenge to interpret. I also met with Phyllis Mayo, the Executive Director of the Atchafalaya Trace Heritage Area, and with former director Jason Stagg.

Next trip is home for the holidays.